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1	2	3	4	5	6
Bihar	46	15	Chhattisgarh	44	20
Jharkhand	46	15	Madhya Pradesh	43	18
Uttar Pradesh	33	10	Rajasthan	36	10
Karnataka	32	7	Jharkhand	33	14
Maharashtra	30	11	Andhra Pradesh	33	8
Tamil Nadu	26	6	Karnataka	31	12
Andhra Pradesh	25	8	West Bengal	29	8
West Bengal	24	5	Tamil Nadu	26	7
Gujarat	21	5	Maharashtra	25	8
Assam	17	3	Assam	23	4
Rajasthan	17	3	Kerala	22	7
Haryana	7	1	Haryana	22	7
Kerala	7	2	Punjab	18	1
Punjab	4	1	Gujarat	16	3
All India	30	10	All India	30	10

Source: Table p-3-Levei and Pattern of Consumer Expenditure, 2004-05 - NSS 61st Round

**Induction of Arjun Tanks**

125. MS. MABEL REBELLO:  
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Arjun Tank has been approved by Indian Army for adoption;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) if so, when and how many Arjun Tanks have been inducted so far in Indian Army,
- (d) whether the Indian Army has placed further orders for Arjun Tank; and
- (e) if so, whether the order is sufficient to maintain the assembly lines of the Tank?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) An indent for 124 Arjun Tanks has been placed on Heavy Vehicle Factory (HVF), Avadi by the Indian Army. Five tanks were delivered to the Army in 2005. The next lot of nine Arjun Tanks *are* currently undergoing Joint

Receipt Inspection. Accelerated user cum reliability trials are scheduled in summer of 2007.

**Missing persons in J&K**

\*126. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:  
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of innocent people from J&K who are reported to have been missing during the last several years are alleged to have been killed by the Army/CRPF;

(b) if so, what are the details of the missing persons in J&K during the last three years; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Special Investigating Team, probing the fake encounters killings in J&K, has recently exhumed a few bodies from graveyards and if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the officers concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The outbreak of militancy in the State towards the early 90's resulted in killing of innocent civilians, political leaders, social workers, security force personnel and destruction of the Government/private properties by terrorists. Army and additional Central Para Military Forces were deployed in the State to assist the State Policy in the fight against terrorism. In the process, a large number of persons suspected to be having terrorist links were apprehended, amongst whom innocents would subsequently be released. Many of those reported to have been missing have crossed over to the neighbouring country for armed training. However, allegations are made against security forces of having killed their missing wards in custody. Recently six cases of alleged fake encounters are killing of civilians have been reported in Srinagar and Baramulla districts who were reported missing during the year 2006 and 2007.

(c) A special investigation team headed by a DIG rank officer has been constituted by the State Government to look into the allegations. Dead bodies of five persons were exhumed under appropriate authority